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1. LAO PRESS AGENCY DAILY BULLETIN REPORTED APRIL 8 THAT ON APRIL 6 "MISTER" SISAVANG VATTHANA, SUPREME COUNSELOR OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC (AND FORMER KING OF LAOS), TURNED OVER THE ROYAL PALACE IN LUANG PRABANG TO THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF NATIONAL MUSEUMS. PHOUMI VONGVICHIT, VICE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SPORTS AND RELIGION, THANKED THE SUPREME COUNSELOR AND SAID THE PEOPLE WOULD GUARD THE PALACE AND ITS CONTENTS AS NATIONAL PATRIMONY OR, IN THE WORDS OF THE "LAO TRANSLATIONS OFFICE", AS "MOST PRECIOUS MUSEUM PIECES."

2. AMONG THOSE PRESENT WERE MESSRS. SOUPHANTHARANGSY, FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PALACE, AND VONG SAVANG, MEMBER OF THE SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY (AND FORMER CROWN PRINCE OF LAOS).
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